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The News From Russia.

It may be well to receive the stories now in circulation about the czar's mental condition and his probable future course with caution. Russia is a fine field for rumor. and the czar is a shining mark.

Only a few years ago we heard, almost daily, stories about the kaiser which represented him as being almost in the condition of a madman. Now he was so gruff and moody that very few people could approach him except at the expense of their self-respect. Now he was on his yacht at sea preaching sermons and performing all sorts of antics. Now he was threatening his mother with expulsion from the country. And so on. It was explained that his crazy humors grew out of an affliction in his head, which at periods discharged freely through his ears and foretold an early complete mental eclipse. So persistent was this crusade that an investigation was set on foot, and a regular conspiracy to disestablish the kaiser was unearthed. A lot of hired fakirs had been indulging in a carnival of invention, and that explained it all.

Is the czar now a victim of such a maneuver? One does not easily associate him with the hard requirements of autocratic rule. His character is in many particulars unlike that of his father, who was a Russian of the accepted type. The world thinks of him as a young man of kindly if somewhat serious temperament, happy in his domestic relations as a fortunate, wellconditioned gentleman in private life, and solicitous after a sympathetic rather than ambitious fashion for the welfare of his people. But this does not describe a weakling-a man easily discouraged and eager to put off the responsibilities of high rule. On the contrary, the best courage and the greatest patience are often found linked with such qualities.

The czar's task, as one may see, is extremely difficult. The prevailing discontent in Europe, which takes the form of an increased assertion by the mass of the people, is felt even in Russia. In time, too, the effect will show there as elsewhere. For even in Russia, as education advances and the development of the country brings it into closer touch with the outside world, the people must receive the consideration which the improved conditions make natural and necessary. The czar, it is said, reads the signs of the times in this way, and hopes not to check the tendencies but regulate them. He has impressed the world so far so favorably that any well-authenticated news of his purpose to abdicate could scarcely be received but with feelings of re-

The Appointment of Judge Gould.

The appointment today of District Attorney Gould to be a judge of the District Supreme Court to succeed the late Judge Bradley is in every way satisfactory to the cople of Washington, Judge Gould thoroughly identified with the capital city and intimately acquainted with its legal processes. As practicing attorney and latterly as district attorney he has shown himself to be a man of conspicuous ability and energy. He meets completely the spirit of the principle that District judges are most wisely selected from the District bar, thoroughly familiar with local law and procedure. Chosen from among three able men presented to the President by the Bar Association, his appointment represents the favorable judgment of his associates and of the appointing power. The District is to be congratulated upon this outcome of the contest, and Judge Gould upon his well-deserved promotion.

In the selection of one of these three men the President has done only that which was right in the premises. He could have gone afield for his nominee, as was threatened at one stage of the contest for this position. The law imposes no restriction upon him, and custom grants to the states at large one-half of the local judgeships. But the states' half is now filled, and the selection of a local man was demanded in the interest of equity and an even balance on

It is unfortunate that this decision could not have been reached several months ago, when the situation had been framed exactly as it stood just prior to Judge Gould's selection. The delay in the appointment has caused a congestion of court business. happily not so great as, though the summer vacation had not intervened. With a full bench, however, the incumbents being in the main men of energy and industry, the calendars should not remain long in

Wu Ting-fang's successor has sailed with a staff of sixty persons. It is hoped that the new minister has not been misled by reports of this country's unfriendliness to the Chinese, so that he felt it necessary to have a small army with him.

Having made an abundance of money in the steel business, Pittsburg will now endeavor to take a step upward in the world and establish itself as an educational cen-

Fortunately for the users of soft coal there has been no concerted attempt by

soan manufacturers to raise prices. This winter will demonstrate whether "ping-pong" was really an enjoyable game

or merely a fanciful fad.

Guaranteeing the Guardsmen. A member of the Pennsylvania legislature is now engaged in framing a bill to prevent employers from discharging employes who leave their places to obey orders as militiamen. He gives no intimation of the line of legislation he contemplates, whether the prohibition will take the form of compulsory employment under the orders of court or penalties imposed in case of dismissals. Assuredly some such method is necessary If the law is to be more than a mere figment of legislation, without force and effect. An employer capable of dismissing a militiaman worker for such a cause would be quite as capable of showing his disrespect for a specific statute commanding him not to do so. If, however, the law puts it within the rights of the dismissed clerk to appeal to the courts for reinstatement, the guardsman has some redress.

But it is to be doubted whether even such a measure would prove altogether satisfactory. The employer might reinstate his clerk under such pressure, only to find an excuse for dismissing him later. He would naturally entertain no kindly feelings for such employe and would seek the first opportunity to drop him. Perhaps he might argue that the militiaman worker is an undesirable employe at best, being subject to calls at all hours and for indefinite periods, and so proceed in advance of any riot or other disturbance giving rise to a call for

members quickly relieving themselves of an obligation which threatened their means of supporting themselves and families. Or if not followed generally it would throw upon a few merchants and other employers the whole burden of supporting the guard by

guaranteeing the places of its members.

The remedy for the difficulty lies rather in the education of employers than in specific statutes. The latter might be enacted for their moral effect, but it is to be remembered that if they are non-enforcible they exert a bad rather than a good effect upon the public mind. The employer who refuses to recognize his duty in the premses must be made to feel that he is endangering his standing as a patriotic citizen and his business success by rendering himself odious to the public. Perhaps through such a course of enlightenment he may be brought to realize the advisability of standng stanchly always by his men who are members of the guard, encouraging them in their devotion to militia duty and assuring them of permanence of employment during

A Supreme Court Building. Foremost among the government's public building plans now are such enterprises as he provision of a new home for the Supreme Court, for which there is urgent need. Friends of the schemes for the derelopment of the capital are hopeful that Congress may devote some attention to this project during the coming winter, even though the session will be brief. The plan s well understood. It has been discussed for many years. For some seasons it was unpopular in certain quarters, but now there is practically no objection to the removal of the court from the Capitol building. Space in that building is at a high premium and the rooms vacated by the court would be most valuable to the Senate. which is compelled to seek quarters outside for the accommodation of its members.

The business of the Supreme Court has grown to such proportions that it requires more adequate housing. The dignity of the court demands for the justices individual consultation rooms. There is probably not a state supreme court in the country which is not better housed and surrounded with more facilities for the proper transac-

tion of business. There is but one site in view for this structure, when authorized, namely, that corresponding in the main to the ground occupied by the Library of Congress, north of East Capitol street. This land is in effect under the pre-emption of the government. It has stood thus hampered in its development for years, and it is only just to its owners that the government should soon declare its intentions and relieve the land from its incumbrances.

This plan of locating on the site opposite the Library a great temple of justice conforms to the scheme of the Senate's park commission, which recommended that eventually nothing should stand adjacent to the Capitol grounds but public structures of a dignified character. Thus far there has been no move toward carrying any of the commission's plans into effect. No better start could be had than in the direction of a Supreme Court building, which so precisely fits into the scheme. The advocates in Congress of a new building program of proper scope for the seat of government could spend the short session to no better advantage than to secure the passage of this measure, against which not even the argument of economy can be effectively raised.

The Havana Riot. In some quarters the riot in Havana will be interpreted as another evidence of the incapacity of the Cubans to regulate their own affairs. And yet rub out the date line and observe how familiar the story sounds. A sympathetic strike, a disposition of those on strike to use force against those who stick to their posts, crowds in the streets, a hesitation on the part of some of the officials to do their duty and execute the laws, increasing disorder until the employment of force by the authorities becomes necessary, then a collision between the constabulary and the rioters, and bloodshed. We have repeatedly witnessed similar scenes in the United States. And yet we are very far from confessing failure in the matter of self-government. The Cubans seem to be copying us rather faithfully, a little too faithfully for their own good. They should avoid those features of our public life which we are striving very earnestly to eliminate.

A number of people will claim the distinction, but the man who first thought of Mr. Cannon for Speaker was very probably Mr. Cannon himself.

There will always be a suspicion that neither the miners nor the operators have come to any decision which might not as well have been reached last summer.

Cuba has a brand new rallway in addi-

tion to other luxuries which countries starting out in life do not customarily en-Mr. Bill Devery continues to derive con-

solation from the fact that some of his

enemies are not enjoying themselves any President Palma is now engaged in doing his best to keep strikes and politics sepa-

A large number of people would be in favor of tariff revision if they could know just where it would hit.

Texas is now threatened with serious damage by inundation. Texas has always had a more or less exciting existence.

Mr. Schwab is still getting all the repose

that money can buy. The Automobile "Honker."

People living in cities are having much the same experience with the automobile that they did with the bicycle a few years ago when that machine became so popular. The frequent accidents due to the recklessness of novices which occur today find their counterparts in the record of mainings and killings which resulted a decade or more ago from the speed and carelessness of wheelmen. One minor matter of which complaint is now made is very like that which aroused the public during the days when the bicycle was the terror of the pave. This is the alarm sounded by automobilists when approaching a possible vicim. The "honk" of the horn is as starling and nerve-racking as was the offensive ittle sharp jangle of the bicycle bell, which the authorities compelled wheelmen to adopt. Out of a comparative silence comes this goose note, raucous and rasping, ofensive to the ear and disturbing to the nerves. The chauffeur-the name is a sad misfit in most cases—seems to delight in waiting until just before reaching the pedestrian before squeezing the bulb and emitting that note of imperious command. It is not a request or a notification. It is

mandatory order. "Get out of the way or be run down," it says. And it means it. too. The wise walker takes no chances on a bluff as matters now stand. He side steps and makes tracks for the curb. It requires nerve to assume the position of having the right of way. There is no certainty as to the outcome. The man at the "honk er" may really think that the walker means to move at the last moment, or he may not care, after he has once sounded his warning. When chided for the carelessness of running into a person he usually replies, in defense, "Why didn't he get out of the guard service to weed out all guardsmen way? I warned him in plenty of time!"

to write their rew comprehensive regulabiles they should tions governing autom pay especial attention to the uses of the horn or gong and impress clearly upon the minds of all handlers of these vehicles that their "honkers" are not toys for the purpose of getting fun out of the delicate nerves of the people, but are intended to afford timely, ample notice of the presence of the machine, so that the pedestrian may pursue his path in safety.

There are suspicions that Gen. Miles is not really so unlucky as he is continually being represented. There are people who take a small delight in giving a man the reputation of being a "Jonah."

Mr. Smoot will no doubt endeavor to assume a pose of heroic martyrdom. But his name has a matter-of-fact sound that will interfere with such ambitions.

Many of the trusts hope to have the same luck with Attorney General Knox that the Mississippi bears had with President Roose

The retail coal dealers did not have anything to do with starting the strike, but some of them seem disposed to have the last word in quoting prices.

Mr. Addicks is probably too much occupied with his own affairs to expect to exercise a great deal of influence in getting office for his friends.

SHOOTING STARS.

"So you were held up by bandits?" "Yes, and that isn't the worst of it. They simply took my money without detaining me long enough to give me a start as a magazine writer or a lecturer."

An Incomprehensibility.

White folks is so foolish Dey worries me a heap. 'Sists on eatin' turkey When 'possum's jes' as cheap.

A Patriot's Explanation. "You say you are inspired by patriotic

"I am." answered the South American general. "I have no respect for a man who won't fight for his principles. I insist that the man best fitted to be president shall have the office-and I'm he.'

"Mos' ev'ybody," said Uncle Eben, "would be a monopolis' if he could. Some folks takes pleasure in tellin' hand luck stories an' 'maginin' dey's got a corner in grief."

A Lack of Principle.

"You have the assurance to complain that noney was illegitimately used in that elec-

"Certainly," answered Senator Sorghum. They violated every principle of honor. They told the voters to take my money and keep it, and then come around and get us much more for voting their way."

A Demand for Beauty.

Mary is artistic, So the neighbors say; Mary wants to keep the house Blooming as the May.

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Shouldn't be astonished Some fine day to note Brilliant orchids broidered On my overcoat.

'Twouldn't be amazing If dear Mary should Paint a bunch of daisies

On each stick of kindling wood. The Dangerous Parlor Match.

From the Boston Herald. Of course, there's a great row over the against the parlor match in New York. The business thus affected is too large not to call forth a protest. It is noticeable, however, that nobody undertakes to controvert the allegation of the fire commissioners that 967 fires in that city alone last year were traced directly to this kind of matches, not to mention 346 other fires started by children playing with them. Until these statistics are disposed of, the alle-gation that the only trouble with the parlor match is that people do not know how to use it properly isn't likely to obviate the have had to acquire the art of using

A Remedy for Burglary.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

The remedy which was administered to a brace of burglars in Elyria, Ohio, yesterday was effective. One of them had the top of his head blown off, and under the circumstances the only criticism of that specific is that it was not applied earlier. Since the officers of the law ceed in suppressing the criminals, and the sion, the protection for the people lies in the cultivation of quickness on the trigger when the occasion calls for it.

Their Primary Function.

From the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. The new French minister has been so courteous as to say the United States is a world power. He even put it in this way: "It was noticeable that throughout Europe the position of the United States as a new world power was everywhere recognized. But this French gentleman does not seem to know that a party in the United States is opposed to this country being a world power. The statesmen of this party are experts of the Constitution of the United States, and hold it is unconstitutional for the country to be a big thing. The belittlement of their country is the primary func-tion of this remarkable party.

A Good Statute in Indiana.

From the New Haven Register. In Indiana a sheriff who permits a prisoner to be taken from his hands and lynched thereby forfeits his office. Governor Durbin Saturday notified the sheriff of Sullivan county, Ind., that his office had been vacated by the lynching of a negro while under arrest. The sheriff has ap pealed for reinstatement, but the law is plain and mandatory. The governor has no and keep him out. If local responsibility and personal accountability could be en-forced the lynching business would be put

The President in Memphis.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. Things happen in Memphis. The presi dential visit at first seemed to be of the cus-tomary order. But the people of Memphis showed that they appreciated the Presi-dent's cordial tribute to General Wright; they liked the spirit in which he came to Memphis to do General Wright honor; and they liked the frank and democratic way in which he bore himself. But aside from all this it is but proper to call attention to the fact that it was in this city that the Philippine policy of the government was candidly

To the Point.

rom the Sloux City Tribune. If the "lily white" movement down south is going to establish a "white man's admin-istration of all affairs" it will, of course, bo satisfied to accept white men's representa-tion in the House and the electoral college

Shocking.

From the Cleveland Leader. It is shocking to think that forty thou-sand birds were killed in one state during the past season to supply adorment for the head of women. Do the gentle wearers of stolen plumage ever stop to think what a sacrifice of life the gratification of their

Not According to Program.

From the Philadelphia Press. on his lists, to free himself permanently from all possible difficulties. This course bicyclist of ten or fifteen years ago. Human would result, if generally followed, in the dissolution of the guard in short order, its new terms. When the Commissioners come

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